

**MINUTES OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY
TENANT-LANDLORD COMMISSION**

September 18, 2014

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Conference Room 9
Chair Congleton presiding

Attendees:

Commissioners Geier-Smith, Kocsis, Congleton
Panettieri, Gomez

Absentees:

Schwarz, Park

Staff Attending:

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Michael S. Liberman, Director
Cable and Consumer Services
Susan C. Jones, Branch Chief
Consumer Affairs Branch
Vee Johnson, Consumer Specialist
Consumer Affairs Branch

The meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m. by Chair Congleton.

Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Kocsis to approve the minutes from June 19, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Chair Congleton did not have a report.

Director's Report

- Director Liberman did not have a report.

Staff Report

- Staff attended the Fair Housing Task Force Meeting on September 16, 2014. The Equal Rights Center is seeking testers to test for discriminatory practices and compliance with civil rights laws. Information regarding how to apply was distributed to the Commission.
- A summary was provided of two cases involving maintenance and repair issues. In both cases, the landlord corrected the problems identified by the tenants.

Commission Matters

- There were no Commissioner's interests or concerns.
- The calendar was reviewed. No changes or additions at this time.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- The HOA legislative update will be scheduled for the October meeting.
- Updates to the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act were presented. The VRLTA is now uniform across the state of Virginia. The VRLTA does not apply unless the person owns three or more single-family residences. Also, the requirement for a landlord to accrue interest on security deposits, was repealed, effective January 1, 2015. Staff will provide an electronic copy of law changes to Commissioners.
- Chair Congleton discussed preparing an annual report to highlight the actions of the Commission and will work with staff on this report.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Geier-Smith and seconded by Commissioner Gomez to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.